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In re application of:

David COATES et al.

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PROCESS FOR THE HOMEOTROPIC ALIGNMENT OF LIQUID
CRYSTALS ON PLASTIC SUBSTRATES

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplemental to the response filed November 9, 2000, please amend claim 1 as
indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) Liquid crystal film or layer with homeotropic alignment characterized
in that said homeotropic alignment is achieved by an aligning layer on a substrate [and that
said aligning layer is either a layer comprising a surfactant which is fixed by a matrix of a
polymeric liquid crystal or that said aligning layer is an inorganic layer] and that said aligning
layer is an aluminum coating or a smooth Al₂O₃ layer.

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